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1. GROUP B REACHED AGREEMENT THIS MORNING OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM (IGCC), AND TABLED DRAFT IN SESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING WITH G-77 AND GROUP D THIS AFTERNOON. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT:

BEGIN TEXT: DRAFT PREPARED BY WORKING GROUP I OF GROUP B.

THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

1) DECIDES TO ESTABLISH, IN PURSUANCE OF RESOLUTION 93 (IV), AN AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEGRATED PROGRAM ON COMMODITIES TO EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING

TASKS UNDER THE GENERAL GUIDANCE OF THE BOARD:

(A) TO CO-ORDINATE THE PREPARATORY WORK AND THE NEGOTIATIONS;

(B) TO DEAL WITH MAJOR POLICY ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE, INCLUDING COMMODITY COVERAGE;

(C) TO COORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES UNDER THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM.

2. REQUIRES THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MAKE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE BOARD, FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS REGULAR SESSIONS, ON PROGRESS MADE IN FULFILLING THE TASKS ASSIGNED TO IT BY THE BOARD, AND TO REFER TO THE BOARD FOR DECISION MATTERS ON WHICH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS NOT FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO AGREE.

3. INVITES THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, IN THE COURSE OF DISCHARGING THE TASKS ASSIGNED TO IT, TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT ANY VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE PREPARATORY AND NEGOTIATING GROUPS, OR THE GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE, DECIDE TO REFER TO IT.

4. CALLS ON THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO HAVE DUE REGARD TO THE POSITION OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS AS FORESEEN IN SECTIONS III (6) AND IV (7) OF RES 93 (IV), AND TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE SECY GENERAL'S CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION IV (4) OF THAT RES.

5. DECIDES THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SHALL BE OPEN TO ALL MEMBER STATES OF UNCTAD.

6. DECIDES THAT, WITH EFFECT FROM ITS FIRST MEETING ON .../76, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE DATES OF ITS SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

7. FURTHER REQUIRES THE ADHOC COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO THE BOARD TOWARDS THE END OF THE TIMETABLE ENVISAGED IN RES 93 (IV) FOR PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS, SO THAT THE BOARD CAN MAKE A CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

8. DECIDES THAT WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR ABOVE:

(A) THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARDS AS APPROPRIATE.

(B) THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES REMAIN UNAFFECTED.

END TEXT.

2. IN INTERNAL GROUP B DISCUSSION OF PAPER, SCANDINAVIAN DELEGATIONS PUSHED HARD TO FINDER FORMULATION OF PARA 2 OF TEXT WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR GREATER INDEPENDENCE FOR IGCC. THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY OTHER GROUP B MEMBERS PARTLY BECAUSE OF GENERAL ATTITUDE AMONG MAJOR GROUP B MEMBERS (WHICH WE HAD DISCUSSED BEFOREHAND WITH THEM) THAT SCANDINAVIANS, AND NORWAY IN PARTICULAR, HAD ALREADY SIGNIFICANTLY DISTANCED THEMSELVES FROM REMAINDER OF GROUP B BY THEIR OUTRIGHT PUBLIC SUPPORT OF COMMON FUND AND INTEGRATED PROGRAM AS ADVOCATED BY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT. THESE DELGATIONS THREATENED TO MAKE A SEPARATE STATEMENT ON SUBJECT WHEN PAPER WAS PRESENTED, BUT IN THE END BACKED DOWN (ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT THEM TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM REMAINDER OF GROUP B DURING DISCUSSION OF PAPER, WHICH BEGINS TOMORROW).

3. ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE FOR PARA 2 WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IS IN ITSELF NOT IN CONFLICT WITH US POSITION ON IGCC, ALTHOUGH IT IS CONSIDERABLY LESS PRECISE ON SUBORDINATION OF IGCC TO TDB. IT WAS AGREED IN GROUP B DISCUSSION THAT AT LATER PHASE OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS IT MIGHT BECOME NECESSARY TO PROPOSE THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROACH AS COMPROMISE. THIS ALTERNATE LANGUAGE READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

2. INSTRUCTS THE COMMITTEE:

(A) TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD AND THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE, ITS VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENTAL OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION;

(B) TO SUBMIT PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE BOARD ON ITS WORK. END QUOTE.

4. GROUP B SPOKESMAN (BARRASS) PRESENTED OUTLINE OF GROUP B PAPER AT LATE AFTERNOON MEETING OF SESSIONAL

COMMITTEE I, AND ENGLISH VERSION OF PAPER THEN DIS-
TRIBUTED. GROUP OF 77 SPOKESMAN (CHADHA) IN HIS IMMEDIATE
REACTION CRITICIZED MANY SPECIFICS OF PAPER, BUT MADE
CLEAR HIS MAIN CONCERNS WERE (A) LIMIT TO AUTONOMY OF
IGCC IMPLIED IN PARA 2 (AND THE IMPLICATION THAT
AGREEMENT MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE POSSIBLE), (B) MENTION OF
SPECIFIC PARTS OF RES 93(IV) IN GROUP B PARA 4 REFERRING
TO EXISTING COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS, AND
(C) LANGUAGE ON COMPREHENSIVE REPORT IN PARA 7 WHICH
IMPLIES TERMINATION OF IGCC. CHADHA MADE CLEAR HE
PREFERS TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR IGCC WHICH LEAVE ALL
DECISIONS UP TO THAT BODY. REGIONAL GROUPS WILL
PRESUMABLY STUDY GROUP B PAPER TOMORROW MORNING AND
DEBATE WILL THEN CONTINUE. CATTO

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